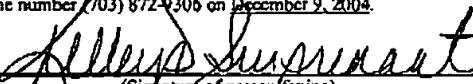


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In full response to the October 22, 2004 final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

A response to the October 22, 2004 final Office Action is due prior to January 22, 2005. Therefore, the present Response is being timely filed.